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Along with all Gold Medals and a "Top 10" finish at National FCCLA Leadership Conference

Elba FCCLA students bring home two national championships

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Nine Elba High School FCCLA [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America] students attended the National FCCLA Leadership Conference during the week of July 2-6 in Denver, Colorado, and eight of the nine students competed in STAR [Students Taking Action with Recognition] events.

To earn a berth in the national STAR Events, the students either had to place first or second in their respective state competitions. The national events were open to competi-

tors from all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Elba High Schools FCCLA program was represented at nationals by Keelie Moseley, competing in Teach or Train; Adalyn O'Neal, competing in Say Yes to FCS Education; Taylor Day, Kayden Moseley, and Hillary Hudson, competing in Sports Nutrition; and Shaylee Johnson, Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal and Payton Parks, competing in Repurpose and Redesign. Also, Elba's Zalie McKevly attended the leadership conference serving in her capacity as President of the

Alabama FCCLA student organization.

When awards were announced, Elba FCCLA returned home with two national championships, another "Top 10" finish, and all Gold medals.

"Watching these kids grow and speak is really quite impressive," said Elba High FCCLA sponsor Christina Morgan. "All these students have gained skills that will help propel them through life."

Mckevly, who has participated in STAR events in the past, said she got to look at things from a different perspective this year as president of Alabama FCCLA.

"We may have a smaller school here in Elba, but we are definitely on the same level if not better than any out there, which I feel is evident based on all our program came back with from nationals," she said.



FIRST PLACE [REPURPOSE AND REDESIGN, LEVEL 1].. Elba FCCLA students Payton Parks, Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal and Shaylee Johnson were named the best-of-the-best for Repurpose and Redesign, Level 1, at the National FCCLA Leadership Conference held in Denver, Colo. They are shown here with their first place plaque from the event held earlier this month.

"These girls...they are just the best!"

The first to compete at nationals was the Sports

Nutrition team, which consists of Taylor Day, Kayden Moseley and Hillary Hudson. While this team did not have a top ten finish at nationals, the young

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Elba BOE approves to new hires during special meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday morning, July 11, for a special called meeting, and the main order of business was to make two new hires for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Chris Moseley asked the board to approve the hire of Ashley Brunson as the high school counselor.

For the elementary school, the superintendent asked board members to consider the hire of Adelia LaShawn Russell to be a special education teacher.

Moseley said Brunson would work under an emergency certificate through the Alabama Department of Education, which would be good for two consecutive years, and could be renewed for another two consecutive years if needed. However, the superintendent said Brunson had indicated she plans to return to school to attain the necessary degree work she needs to be fully certified as a counselor.

The board also approved six employments for support staff members for the upcoming school years, to include: Heather Austin,

before a need or reissuance of the emergency certificate.

He also noted that no one who applied for the counselor's position had ever worked in the field previously.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the hire of Ashley Brunson as the high school counselor.

For the elementary school, the superintendent asked board members to consider the hire of Adelia LaShawn Russell to be a special education teacher.

Board members voted with no opposition to approve the hire of Russell as a special education teacher at Elba Elementary School. Board member Miranda Russell abstained from the vote due to a close relation with the proposed candidate.

The next regular Elba Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m.



The fireworks once again were the highlight of Elba's Let Freedom Ring event held Tuesday, July 4, in downtown Elba. See more photos from the event on Page 8!

CCSO deputies

arrest Elba man on

firearm/drug charges

Monday night, July 3,

deputies with the Coffee

County Sheriff's Office

arrested an

Elba man on

firearm and

drug charges.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." — Margaret Mead

The CDC has been telling us not to do this for years, and a lot of people refuse to listen. Apparently, raw or unbaked batter or dough can make you sick. To back up these claims, there actually was an E. Coli outbreak in 2021, which sparked a new round of CDC warnings. Yes, raw cake batter is delicious, but resist the urge is their message. Raw eggs and uncooked flour can have salmonella and E. Coli, two diseases that are unpleasant at best and require hospitalization at worst. You shouldn't even let your kids handle raw dough, even homemade playdough, if the dough has eggs or uncooked flour in it. Glad our mama didn't know about this danger! We have licked many a bowl after she loaded the mixer with the mixed ingredients. There was always the scrapings, in fact thinking back she probably left some on purpose! Like she always had some berry juice for us to drink when the last making of jelly was in the jars. She acknowledged that was because we were so helpful in picking the berries. You could call that bribery — but it worked!

When thinking about the raw eggs above, we are reminded of an Army buddy from Minnesota. We would go to town and stop at a certain ice cream counter and James would order a milkshake with a raw egg . . . every weekend we went to town. He could also gnaw a chicken bone cleaner than any person we have ever known. He explained that he loved to spend weeks at the time in the 'North Woods' of Minnesota and Canada during the winter living off the land. He noted that when he trapped an animal nothing went to waste because he didn't know when he would catch something else. Made sense if you are going to play Mountain (or wilderness) Man.

Alzheimer's treatment! The FDA has approved a drug (Leqembi) that doesn't cure Alzheimer's but slows down its progress a bit. This official approval will open Medicare and other health insurance for coverage of this treatment. This is good because the cost is estimated to be about \$26,500 for a year's supply of IVs every two weeks. That is a much needed step towards either a cure or prevention. It will not help those of us who have lost loved ones to the disease, but any forward progress should be welcomed.

This old man was feeling mighty cocky Monday when the wake-up call for the morning was the steady pouring rain. Sunday evening we impulsively pushed the garbage can to the street for pick-up sometime around noon on Monday. We felt so smart for having done that before the rain. THEN when stepping out the door enroute to work, alas the garbage can was overturned and wet trash scattered! Suddenly our cocky attitude took a turn for the worse as that wet, soggy stuff had to be corralled and replaced in the garbage can. Had we waited until morning to roll it to the street at least it would not have been scattered and soggy. Now that is one of the best ways to clip the wings of cocky old men!

Copcats continue to try to make headlines by committing the worst mass killings of the year. Try as we might, the rationale for these shootings escapes our simple way of thinking. Rarely does one get away with the crime and if they are doing it to have someone kill them (a form of suicide), it can be done without taking a bunch of innocent citizens with them. Don't forget the road rage incidents . . . they continue to explode all over the country and make about as much sense as the mass shootings.

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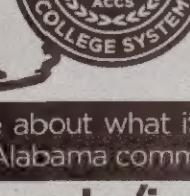
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EDITORIAL



Elba High School's Zalie McKelvy currently is president of the state of Alabama's FCCLA program. During the national leadership conference held July 2-6 in Denver, Colorado, Zalie got the opportunity to carry Alabama's state flag during a parade of flags for the states.

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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and the Gang enjoyed a pretty relaxing weekend at home last weekend...well, except for the short time Friday night when Lou Lou almost got her and Sister caught in a rain-storm on Lou 2!

Lou Lou needed to make a quick run to pick up some fresh peas she had purchased, and she convinced Sister to go along for the ride. Without checking the weather, they jumped in Lou 2 and headed off. Very quickly, Lou Lou noticed the gloomy looking clouds that had formed

quickly...she had been outside 15 minutes prior and things looked good. Well... Lou Lou and Sister made it three-fourths of the way to their destination when Lou Lou saw the rain!

Unfortunately, Sister saw it about the same time, and the fussing began! A quick turn-around and Lou Lou pushed Lou 2 to beat the rain back to the gang's house. She made it with almost no time to spare, and lived another day to keep telling her tales!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 3, 2023, and Sunday, July 10, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Monday, July 3 — Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (8:26 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one assistance rendered, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, July 4 — Suspicious person reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (2:34 a.m.); Fight reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (4:53 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Cordelia Ave S — w/ arrest (4:59 p.m.); Assault reported at 1006 Payne St (6:06 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 441 Plant Ave (6:43 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, July 5 — Animal complaint reported at 712 Simmons St (8:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 805 Adkinson Ave/East Davis (9:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 816 Putnam St (12:00 p.m.); Theft of property

Thursday, July 6 — Report of shots fired on Lee St (12:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 905 Brookdale Ave (1:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Garrett St (1:27 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (7:08 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Industrial Blvd (8:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 221 Davis St E (10:31 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one written warning, and one citation.

Friday, July 7 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (12:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 203 (4:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Roosevelt Dr (8:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Farris Ave (10:14 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 905 Brookdale Ave — w/impound (1:43 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (11:16 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, July 8 — Assault reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (1:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr (9:09 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Sollie Dr (10:09 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one written warning.

Sunday, July 9 — Suspicious person reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (5:59 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported to Elba Police (7:50 p.m.).

Monday, July 10 — Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 / Coffee County Stockyard (6:27 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on County Rd 342 (7:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Simmons St (8:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Virgil Coleman Dr — w/ citation issued (10:31 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 — w/ arrest (1:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Reynolds Ave (2:00 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Roosevelt Dr (4:28 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1021 Teresa St (6:04 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 679 Lee St (6:52 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 889 Old Samson Rd (7:56 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 245 Court Ave (8:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (11:15 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Scott's Food Mart and the Food Giant (11:18 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To my friends and the town of Elba, THANK YOU!

Last year realized a dream come true for me when the Chamber hired our band, Blind Skeleton, to play for Elba's July 4th Let Freedom Ring Celebration. Since that time, the guys have asked repeatedly what it would take to be invited again. When I received the call from Sandy about playing again this year, we were elated!

I never hide my love for Elba and its people. Having moved to town in 1974 and not leaving until after I graduated from Auburn in 1991, Elba will always be MY hometown full of those that I love so much. While most of my Northwest Georgia Friends will never understand, the guys in the band do as they have seen firsthand what makes Elba, Elba. Whether it's someone just stopping by to speak, offer help and/or drop off some kind of treat, it's all done with love and of gratitude that most towns don't offer.

Since my days in the Elba First United Methodist Choir and the FFA Quar-

Coffee County School System trying to identify all persons with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3-year-old children with disabilities.

If a parent of a child with disabilities or for those who know of someone who is disabled, contact the principal of the local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at (334) 897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Additional contact information for the Coffee County School System: (334) 897-6275

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Pre-K auxiliary teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Justin Harbuck, special education aide at New Brockton High; Angela Weisensale and Chance Sessions bus drivers for the county schools; Susana Figueroa, 12-month custodian for New Brockton High; and Alexis Thomas, 10-month custodian for New Brockton Middle School.

The board heard a report from the State of Alabama Department of Public Examiners of Public Accounts on the audit report for Oct. 1, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2022. It was revealed that the public examiners recorded no findings in their report.

Also, during the meeting, board members approved the 2023-2024 salary schedule as presented by the state, approved a bid for bread/bakery products, approved a bid for digital signs for all five school buildings within the system, and approved a CNP meal price increase for adult meals for the upcoming school year.

The board did enter an executive session to "discuss personnel and good name" as stated by the board attorney. Board president Galen McWaters said no action would result from the executive session upon return to open meeting.

In her report to board members, the superintendent said most personnel had been hired for the upcoming school year. She did note a need to hire a new band director at Zion Chapel.

"We are still lacking a band director at Zion Chapel," Cobb said. "Extra-

tet, I've dreamed of playing in a band on the square in Elba. While I completely abandoned singing for over 30 years until May 2022, getting the opportunity to sing again with these guys was a dream come true. Getting to do it on the square for a second time in front of those that I love was beyond my wildest dreams that I never thought would happen.

On behalf of Donnie Nesbit (keyboard), Ronnie Vandyke (bass/vocals), Tom Rigsby (lead guitar), Scott West (drums/vocals), and myself, we want to thank Sandy Bynum, Gappa Wise, Michael Moseley, Donna Falls, Tom Maddox, Justin Maddox, Mike Holderfield, Kathy Smith, April Kelley (Kelley Farms), Scott Garland, Linda Hodge, and all the sponsors for everything that made Blind Skeleton feel so welcome! Thanks also goes out to Elba (MY TOWN) and its people (MY FRIENDS), we love you all and hope to see you again soon!!

With love and gratitude,
Bill Brueckner

• Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, (334) 897-5016

• Carolyn Broaden, Federal Programs Coordinator, (334) 897-5016

• Megan Driggers, Principal of Kinston School, (334) 565-3016

• Holli Richardson, Principal of New Brockton Elementary School, (334) 894-6152

• Bradley Bowers, Principal of New Brockton Middle School, (334) 894-2350

• Alonzo Barkley, Principal of New Brockton High School, (334) 894-2350

• Jared Robison, Principal of Zion Chapel School, (334) 897-6275

curricular activities are important at schools so this will be an important hire."

Also, Cobb said the school system would be planning a ribbon cutting for the new New Brockton Middle School. She said this would be held Thursday evening, Aug. 3, following the regular monthly board meeting.

Contributions may be made in memory of Bill to Foundation 154 for The Elba Theatre restoration at P. O. Box 373, Elba, AL 36323; or to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile, 1626 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36604.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

ELAINE GRAHAM HALL

Ms. Elaine Graham Hall, age 79, of Andalusia, Ala., died Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Andalusia Manor in Andalusia, Ala.



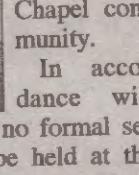
Funeral services were held Sunday, July 9, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Monroe Sasser officiating. Burial services followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson and Slonie Pearl Graham; son, Shawn Hall; and brother, Bob Graham.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa (William) King, Andalusia; sons, Charles (Carolyn) Hall, Brantley, Ala., and James (Angie) Hall, Elba.

RICHARD M. BARB

Mr. Richard M. Barb, age 49, of Elba, Ala., died



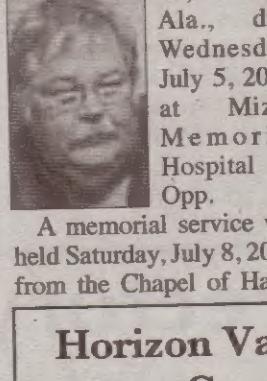
Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at his home in the Zion Chapel community.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home is serving the Barb family.

Survivors include his wife, Lesley Barb, Jack, Ala.; son, Richard Barb Jr., and daughter, Brooke Barb, both of Conyers, Ga.; sisters, Caroline (Misty) Bethune, Canton, Ga., and Leigh (Will) Bacon, Prattville, Ala.

WILLIAM ANDREW "DREW" DOBBINS

Mr. William Andrew "Drew" Dobbins, age 66, of Opp, Ala., died Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.



A memorial service was held Saturday, July 8, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes

Funeral Home in Elba, Ala.

Drew was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Evelyn Parker Dobbins; and by a sister, Carol Lawson.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Dobbins, Opp; step-daughters, Lori Lynn (Hector) Seiglie, Crawford, Tenn., Sabrina Louise (Robert) Brickner, Altoona, Pa.; step-son, Ronald James (Melodie) Rich, Parrish, Fla.; brother, Michael (Wendy) Dobbins, Elba, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

WILLIAM LISTER "BILL" BRUNSON

Mr. William Lister "Bill" Brunson, age 65, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Springhill Medical Center in Mobile, Ala.

In a world of constant change, Bill was the steady hand. He guided his family, his hometown, and his business through many troubled waters and delivered all to safer shores.

His words were as measured as his thoughts and actions. He spoke so little, but when he did, you listened. Because those words were considered carefully, delivered humbly, and carried the weight of his wisdom. He was the quiet hand behind the backs of his loved ones, holding them up and guiding them forward.

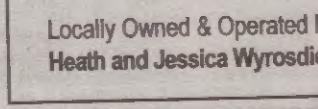
Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 13, 2023, at The Elba Theatre beginning at 3 p.m. with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. The Brunson family will be receiving friends following the service at The Elba Theatre.

Contributions may be made in memory of Bill to Foundation 154 for The Elba Theatre restoration at P. O. Box 373, Elba, AL 36323; or to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile, 1626 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36604.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Lister Brunson and Carolyn English Brunson.

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Rhonda Bozeman Brunson, Elba;

daughters: Sydney

Brunson (Jason) Johnson,

and Shelby Brunson (Hunter)

Omainsky, both of Mobile,

Ala.; granddaughter:

Claire Carter Omainsky,

Mobile; grandson: William

Fox Johnson, Mobile; sis-

ters: Alice (Tom) Maddox,

and Betsy (Doug) Mar-

tin, both of Elba; sisters-

in-law: Lynne Bozeman,

Montgomery, Ala., and Re-

nita Bozeman, Elba; along

with many beloved nieces

& nephews.

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Zoar Cemetery Association annual meeting set for Saturday, July 22nd

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 22, in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Rd. 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed.

All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

VBS at Mount Zion Baptist Church set to begin Thursday, July 13th

Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixons Crossroads, New Brockton, Ala., will conduct its Vacation Bible School Thursday, July 13, through Saturday, July 15, and VBS commencement will be Sunday, July 16, at the church.

Lights! Camera! Action! Mount Zion is putting out a casting call for children ages 6-12 to participate in the "Follywood" VBS. There will be games, snacks, songs, craft projects, and more as youngsters learn how to be superstars for Jesus through Bible teaching, fun drama skits, and music.

The VBS schedule is as follows: Thursday, July 13, 6-8:30 p.m.; Friday, July 14, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. will include VBS commencement, worship service, covered dish lunch.

For registration info., email: mountzionbaptist-church.mixons@gmail.com.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Homecoming set for Sunday

Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, located on County Road 528, Elba, will host Homecoming services Sunday, July 16, at 2 p.m. Sermon by Rev. Darryl Caldwell Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Banks, Ala.

Then, on Monday and Tuesday, July 17th and 18th, the church will host Revival services with Elder James Starks, pastor of New Glorious COGIC, Shiloh, Ala.

All are invited to attend.

Greater New Zion MB Church plans Back-to-School Bash for Aug. 5th

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Back To School Bash" on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

There will be bouncy houses, water slides, food, ice cream truck, music, basketball and more!

The church is located at 720 East Davis Street, Elba.

Phone 334 897-5545, or e-mail <greaternewzionelba@gmail.com> for more information.

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m.
p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBROW BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

FAIRSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Heath Fountain, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandsons Lawson and Cannon made it to two fireworks displays in just a matter of days last week as they attended the July Fourth celebration here in Elba after earlier taking in the big show at Fort Novosel. I think Cannon was amazed at the bright colors and starbursts that lit up the sky in downtown Elba, while Lawson was more curious about how it all happened. Anyway, they both had a good time and so did their grandparents.

For what it is worth....

*** **The second week of the preseason** high school football series shines the spotlight on the New Brockton Gamecocks and the Kinston Bulldogs.

The Gamecocks have struggled since the move to Class 3A, including an 0-10 record last season, and are mired in a 14-game losing streak. They own seven region titles and have posted a total of 28 winning seasons in the past 49 years.

The Bulldogs have posted only nine winning seasons in 52 years on the gridiron, but are only one year removed from a record-breaking 8-4 record and a playoff win last season. They have won a total of 12 wins the last two seasons, a team record.

Both the county teams have big followers and take pride in their teams in all sports, and with a new year ahead hopes are high for a banner season loaded with wins and a trip to the playoffs!

*** **As July gets into full swing** more and more area high school football teams will begin the annual movement to '7 on 7' camps. I read where one area coach called the contests "fake football" and said it only had a limited impact on the players, while others like to see their linebackers and defensive backs in coverage. No matter how the coaches feel, the players like to get a break from the routine and get a chance to be winners in any type of competition.

*** **As the worlds of TV sports** and streaming internet sites continue their battle, ESPN last week made it clear it would fight back with a leaner list of characters as it laid off at least 20 of its best known personalities. Radio personalities Max Kellerman, Keyshawn Johnson and Jay Williams all hit the mute button on the dial, while NFL analysts Suzy Kolber, Steve Young and Matt Hasselbeck were all benched; NBA voices Jeff Van Gundy, Jalen Rose and LaPhonso Ellis were all sent to the locker room; so-called draft expert Todd McShay lost his podium; and ex-SEC standout and college game-day personality David Pollock was sent packing. While I agree many of those that lost their jobs added little to the sports they were working, I wish they would get rid of Stephen A. Smith, the overpaid, loud-mouth know-it-all that loves to shout out his own beliefs on any and all sports. There is no doubt there is still a need for people to fill roles on TV and internet sites. However, at ESPN it looks like the salary structure is about to change and we will soon be introduced to the second stringers.

*** **In closing....** This has nothing to do with sports, but one afternoon last week I sat down in front of the TV and stopped changing channels when I came upon an old western that actually had cowboys and Indians doing battle. I had no doubt who would win until the cavalry showed up and was led into battle by George Custer. If ole 'yellow hair' is in the movie you can bet on the Indians every time.

Wiregrass Wolverines open SFC football season with shutout win

The Wiregrass Wolverines semi-pro football team, based in Elba, Ala., opened play for the 2023 inaugural season Saturday, July 8, when the team hosted the Houston County Warriors from Dothan, Ala.

The Wolverines are part of the Southeast Championship Football (SCF) league, which is comprised of 12 teams in four divisions [North West, North East, South West, and South East]. The Wolverines are part of the South West division as are the Houston County Warriors, and the Capital City Ligers from Montgomery, Ala.

This also is the inaugural season for the SCF league. Other teams in the league include: (North West Division) Mob City Avengers [Knoxville, Tenn.], Winchester Ducks [Winchester, Tenn.], and

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 for a child with a paying adult. Concessions are available at the games.

The Wiregrass Wolverines are coached by Will Love.

Business of the Month:

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New Brockton hoping for better results in '23 with new head coach and new enthusiasm

New Brockton High School made the jump into Class 3A three years ago and since that time no sports program at the school has struggled more than football, as the Gamecocks have struggled to a 5-23 record, including an 0-10 campaign a year ago.

This season the Gamecocks will try to reenergize the program under the direction of Coach Jason Barnett, who will take over the helms of the program after spending the past five years as head coach at Citronelle, where his teams posted a 20-31 record, including a 1-9 record last season.

It looks like the New Brockton Gamecocks and new head coach Jason Barnett are both in need of a new start, and hopes are high the marriage will work wonders and return the Gamecocks to their winning ways of the past!

This year's football schedule will certainly be a challenge as the Gamecocks open the season on the road against 1A power Elba and 3A region foe Opp, and must hit the road three times in the first four weeks, in a region that includes Houston Academy, Opp, Pike County and Straughn, a quartet of teams that last season combined for 33 wins.

Following is a preview of this year's football schedule:

Aug. 25 at Elba

The Gamecocks are 1-14 all-time against their cross-county rivals, including a 40-8 loss last season, and in the past ten losses have lost by an average of 36 points per game. Elba has rolled to a 21-3 record the past two seasons and has posted a winning record 16 straight years.

Sept. 1 at Opp

The Gamecocks will enter region play the second week when they travel to Opp to tangle with the Opp Bobcats. New Brockton is 0-3 all-time in the brief series and since moving to the 3A ranks has been outscored by the Bobcats 111-36. Opp has advanced to the playoff four straight years and over the past three seasons has a combined record of 25-10.

Sept. 8 Providence Christian

The Gamecocks will remain in region play in week three action when they host the Providence Christian Eagles. New Brockton has lost the last five meetings with the Eagles after winning back-to-back in 2014-2015. Providence Christian has won four games each of the past three years and last season posted a 4-6 record.

Sept. 15 at Daleville

The Gamecocks own a 6-5 series edge over Daleville and have won two of the last three games, but lost a year ago 34-24. The Warhawks, which posted a 3-7 record last season, have won only four games combined over the past three seasons.

Sept. 22 Houston Academy

The Gamecocks will be back at home in week five when they host the defending region champion Houston Academy Raiders. New Brockton has a 6-17 series record against the Raiders and have lost the last 13 meetings. Houston Academy enjoyed a banner year last season and posted its first 10-win season since 2006.

Sept. 29 Open Date

Oct. 6 at Pike County

The Gamecocks will swing back into action after a week

Kinston looking for return to winning ways

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to continue their recent winning ways on the gridiron when the 2023 high school football season kicks off next month, but with an early-season schedule that could be one of the toughest in the area, the Bulldogs will have to come out ready for war if they are to make a return to the state playoffs after a one-year absence.

Kinston, which has posted two winning records in the past nine years and over the last two years has won a total of 12 games, the most of any Bulldog team in the history of the program in back-to-back seasons, will kick off the season with five challenges that include three straight road games to open the season, a pair of 2A opponents and the top three region finishers from last season.

Kinston will be led again this season by Coach Rudy Free, who will be entering his fifth season as the head man for the Bulldogs. Coach Free has compiled a 17-24 record in four years at the helm, which is tied for second most wins by any coach ever at Kinston.

Following is a preview of this season's schedule:

Aug. 25 at Samson

The Bulldogs will open the season on the road when they head to Samson for a clash with the 2A Samson Tigers. Kinston has won the last two meetings, including a 34-12 victory a year ago, after dropping six straight games to the Tigers. Samson, which leads the series 33-8, struggled to a 1-9 record last season after back-to-back winning seasons.

Sept. 1 at Elba

The Bulldogs will renew their rivalry against their cross-county rivals in week two when they travel to Elba to open region play against the Elba Tigers. Kinston is 0-6 all-time against the Tigers and have been outscored 234-32 in the short history of the series. Elba has posted 16 straight winning seasons, including state titles in 2011 and 2015, and over the past two years has compiled a gaudy 21-3 record.

Sept. 8 Open Date

Sept. 15 at Georgiana

The Bulldogs will continue their early-season travels in week four when they make the trip to Georgiana for a region showdown with the Georgiana Panthers. Kinston stands 5-8 all-time against the Panthers and has won only once in the last nine meetings. Georgiana posted seven wins and advanced to the playoffs last season after an 0-10 record the previous season.

Sept. 22 Brantley

The Bulldogs will finally get to stay at home on a Friday night when they host the Brantley Bulldogs in a key region clash. Kinston owns a 4-33 all-time record in the series, has lost 25 straight games to the 1A power, and lost 53-6 a year ago. Brantley has advanced to the state playoffs 26 straight seasons and has logged a total of 46 wins over the past four seasons.

Sept. 29 Goshen

The Bulldogs will step out of the region wars in week six when they host the 2A Goshen Eagles. Kinston has a 1-2 series record against the Eagles, lost 63-19 a year ago, and hasn't posted a win in the series since 2005. Goshen posted a 6-4 record last season after struggling to a 1-18 record the previous two seasons.

Oct. 5 at Pleasant Home

The Bulldogs will be back on the road and back in region action when they head to Pleasant Home to battle the Pleasant Home Eagles. Kinston holds a slim 12-11

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

2023 Football Schedule

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| AUG. 25 | ELBA | AWAY |
| SEPT. 1 | OPP * | AWAY |
| SEPT. 8 | PROVIDENCE CH. | HOME |
| SEPT. 15 | DALEVILLE * | AWAY |
| SEPT. 22 | HOUSTON AC. * | HOME |
| SEPT. 29 | OPEN DATE | |
| OCT. 6 | PIKE COUNTY * | AWAY |
| OCT. 13 | STRAUGHN * | HOME |
| OCT. 20 | ASHFORD * | AWAY |
| OCT. 27 | HEADLAND | HOME |
| NOV. 3 | N'SIDE METH. | HOME |

(* Denotes Region opponent)

off when they hit the road for a region clash against the Pike County Bulldogs. Pike County won last season 38-0 in the first-ever game between the new region rivals, as the Bulldogs bounced back from a winless season to hang up eight wins.

Oct. 13 Straughn

The Gamecocks will return home for a region contest against the Straughn Tigers. New Brockton has a 7-9 series record against the Tigers, and have lost three of the last four meetings by an average of 15 points per game. The Tigers will be coming off their second straight seven-win season after struggling to six straight non-winning seasons.

Oct. 20 at Ashford

The Gamecocks will close out their road schedule when they head to Ashford for a region clash against the Ashford Yellowjackets. New Brockton lost its first-ever meeting with the 'Jackets 42-13 last season. Ashford has won only 11 games combined over the past six years.

Oct. 27 Headland

The Gamecocks will jump out of region play when they host the 5A Headland Rams. New Brockton lost its first-ever meeting between the teams 34-14 a year ago. Headland is coming off a 6-5 season, which was the Rams first winning season in four years.

Nov. 3 Northside Methodist

The Gamecocks will close out regular season play at home when they host the Northside Methodist Knights. New Brockton has an 0-3 series record against the Knights and last season dropped a 48-18 decision. Northside Methodist is in its 10th season playing football and has posted only one winning season.

KINSTON BULLDOGS

2023 Football Schedule

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|----------|---------------|------|
| AUG. 25 | SAMSON | AWAY |
| SEPT. 1 | ELBA * | AWAY |
| SEPT. 8 | OPEN DATE | |
| SEPT. 15 | GEORGIANA * | AWAY |
| SEPT. 22 | BRANTLEY * | HOME |
| SEPT. 29 | GOSHEN | HOME |
| OCT. 5 | PLEASANT H. * | AWAY |
| OCT. 13 | RED LEVEL * | HOME |
| OCT. 20 | MCKENZIE * | AWAY |
| OCT. 27 | FLORALA * | HOME |
| NOV. 3 | HOUSTON CO. * | HOME |

(* Denotes Region opponent)

edge in the series, has won four out of the last five meetings, including a big 47-13 win a year ago, and has averaged over 40 points a game in the last two years. Pleasant Home has struggled to six straight losing seasons and has posted a total of only seven wins over the past five seasons.

Oct. 13 Red Level

The Bulldogs will be home at Bulldog Stadium in week eight for a region clash against the Red Level Tigers. The Bulldogs stand 11-13 all-time in the series, but posted a 35-0 win last season and have won four straight meetings and nine of the last eleven. Red Level's last winning season came back in 2006, and the Tigers have managed just 11 wins over the past six years.

Oct. 20 at McKenzie

The Bulldogs will close out the road portion of their schedule with a trip to McKenzie for a key region clash against the McKenzie Tigers. Kinston owns a 10-17 all-time record in the series and has lost three straight meetings, including a 38-22 setback a year ago. McKenzie struggled to only one win last season after winning 14 the previous two years.

Oct. 27 Florala

The Bulldogs will be back at the house for a week ten region battle against the Florala Wildcats. Kinston owns a 15-20 all-time series record against the Wildcats, lost 56-30 last season, and has lost four of the last five meetings against its region rivals. Florala has won a total of 25 games over the last four years, with at least seven wins in three of the four seasons.

Nov. 3 Houston County

The Bulldogs will close out the regular season with a region contest against the Houston County Lions. Kinston, which stands 2-3 all-time in the brief series, posted an 18-15 win last season to snap a three-game losing skid. Houston County posted its last winning record back in 2017 and has won just 11 games over the past five years.

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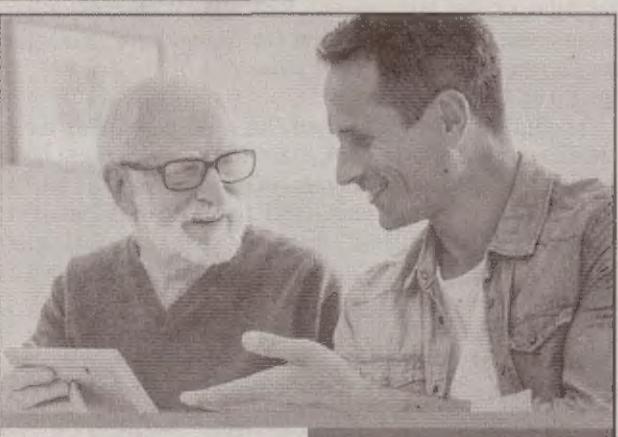
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3 Plastic Folders - 1 each of

blue, green, red

1 Pack Graph Paper

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4 24-Pack #2 yellow Pencils

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3 Large Glue Sticks

3 Packs Sheet Protectors

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Elba Queens Faith Adcock, Ellison Eldridge, Olivia Grantham, Kayleigh Smith, and Aubrielle Sims are pictured above with winners and runners up from the 2023 Little Miss Firecracker Pageant held Tuesday, July 4th.

Little Miss Firecracker Pageant held July 4th in Elba

The Little Miss Firecracker Pageant was held Tuesday, July 4, at the Elba Elementary School cafeteria. The pageant was sponsored by the Miss Elba Queens and held in conjunction with Elba's "Let Freedom Ring" Independence Day events.

Winners and runners-up were announced in four divisions, to

include:

Baby Miss

2nd alternate: Haisleigh Wright
1st alternate: Parker Ellis
Winner: Parker Kelley

Toddler Miss

2nd alternate: Lacey Daniels
1st alternate: Klayten Johnson
Winner: Emmalyn Johnson

Mini Miss

2nd alternate: Adalyn Thompson
1st alternate: Addisyn Bowers
Winner: Elizabeth Johnson

Little Miss

2nd alternate: Khloe Thompson
1st alternate: Molly Beck
Winner: Brinlee Cooper

FCCLA

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competitions.

"They are already planning and plotting for next year," Morgan said. "There is a lot of time and preparations that go into these competitions."

Adalyn O'Neal competed this year in Say Yes to FCS Education, and she had a "Top 10" finish at nationals with a score of 96 – a testament of how stiff the competition is for the events.

"Going into it, I knew I was competing against a lot of students that already have received scholarships to go into family and consumer science education for their chosen careers," A. O'Neal said. "I don't know yet [about my future plans], so, competing against seniors that already know they want to do that and making the 'Top 10' – that was very exciting for me."

The other individual competitor from Elba was Keelie Moseley. She competed in the Teach or Train category.

"I was really nervous," Keelie Moseley said. "I knew I just needed to go in there and do it, and it would be fine. I felt like I did good, but I had no idea who I was competing against."

And... do good she did!

"Keelie won't tell you this, but she scored a perfect 100 on her presentation," Morgan said. "That is very impressive."

It also vaulted Keelie Moseley to a first place finish at nationals in her chosen category.

"I was expecting third place at best," Keelie said. "So, when they called my name out for first place, I was like, 'What?'"

Elba's Repurpose and Redesign team, consisting of Shaylee Johnson, Payton Parks, and Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal, joined Keelie Moseley in finding out what it feels like to be announced as the best in the nation.

"There is a video of us getting first while we were on the stage, and Shaylee's mouth dropped all the way to the floor," Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal said.

"We just knew we had made 'Top 10' at that point," Johnson added. "So, when they had announced third and second places, we knew it was first or nothing. Your mind kind of goes to the



ELBA FCCLA STUDENTS Shaylee Johnson, Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal, Hillary Hudson, Taylor Day, Keelie Moseley, Adalyn O'Neal, Payton Parks, and Kayden Moseley

worst-case scenario, so, it was surprising when we were announced as the winners."

While the Elba competitors were busy with their competitions during the week, McKelvy was involved in lots of trainings with other FCCLA state officers from across the nation.

"These trainings and things helped grow our leadership and taught us how to better network within our respective states," she said. "I also got to attend all the general sessions, and Alabama received an increase in membership award this year. I was privileged to be able to go on stage and accept that for our state."

McKelvy said she also enjoyed carrying the Alabama state flag for the flag ceremony at conference.

Morgan said FCCLA is truly the ultimate leadership experience, and the Elba students all agree being a part of this program has been a great way to help them grow socially.

"I definitely have gained so much confidence through FCCLA," said Adalyn O'Neal as she prepares to enter her senior year of high school in August. "When I started this back in the eighth grade, I did not have much confidence in speaking. I would sit back and let others lead, but FCCLA has encouraged me to step up and lead."

Johnson added, "It has definitely helped me with my social skills and getting up and talking in front of people. I never would have done that by myself."

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Morgan said, "It really is a program that pushes you and helps to grow as a person. I do believe FCCLA has helped all of them socially and to come out of their shell a bit."

McKelvy said she has a new-found appreciation for FCCLA.

"I can see just how it affects people's lives now in my new role, and I am so grateful to have had this opportunity," she said. "Every person has something different to say about FCCLA. It can mean so much to a person. It can change lives because FCCLA is where a lot find and prepare for their career."

Keelie Moseley added that Elba's results this year at FCCLA nationals also speaks volumes about the education the students are receiving at Elba City Schools.

"It obviously shows that good things are happening at our schools," she said. "It shows we can be success-

ful beyond the standardized testing that so many focus on."

Day concurred as she said the recent results from the national FCCLA event is proof that test scores are not everything.

"Obviously, testing is important, but things like ACAP testing are not everything. I think going to something like FCCLA nationals and coming back with the results were did show that."

McKelvy added, "It is evident our teachers are not only teaching us from the textbooks, but they are teaching us core values of life and what we are going to have to take with us throughout the rest of our lives. They let us 'dip our feet in the water' so to speak."

She said she thinks the Elba School System does a great job in letting its students know there are many things out there to be a part of and to venture out into those things.

RWCC meeting set for July 19th

The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) will meet Wednesday, July 19, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speaker will be Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox.

RWCC will also present trauma kits to the Enterprise and New Brockton police chiefs. Trauma kits for law enforcement is one of RWCC's ongoing Caring for America projects.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.



District Attorney James Tarbox

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